

A. Our Model for Holiness is Jesus Himself

Jesus is our Lord, Savior, and example. We are to follow Him in attitude and action. Paul called this being “imitators of God.” (Ephesians 5:1). This is part of what Jesus meant when He said “Follow me” (Matthew 9:9). To follow Christ is to have His character formed in us.

1 John 2:6 “Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”

Colossians 3:9b-10 “You have taken off your old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”

Romans 8:29 “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

B. Our Motive for Holiness is Love for God

As we grow to know His love and appreciate what He has done for us, we will also grow in our motivation to live a life that is holy and pleasing to Him.

Romans 12:1-2 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

1 John 5:3 “This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,”

John 14:21 “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

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Teaching Tapes Available for Further Study on the Need for Holiness:

- A Life of Holiness – June 23, 1996
- Walking in Christ the Lord – April 13, 1997
- Restoration of the Image of God – March 17, 1996

